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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, ICAO
SUBJECT: POLITICIZATION OF ICAO

REF: A. STATE 167737; B. MONTREAL 1366

1. WE MADE POINTS PARA 12 REFTEL A TO DIRECTOR OF
UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
OF DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A.W. ROBERTSON JULY 12.

2. ROBERTSON TOLD US CANADIAN REP ICAO (GRANT) AND
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHARE U.S. VIEW THAT ICAO COUNCIL LACKED
AUTHORITY TO ALTER PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY.
HIS MAIN CONCERN IS WITH ILLEGALITY OF COUNCIL DECISION
AND PRECEDENT IT COULD ESTABLISH FOR OTHER SIMILAR ACTS
IN ICAO OR OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD NOT
YET BEEN ADVISED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF CANADA TRANSPORT
ON THE EFFECT NEW SELECTION PROCEDURE COULD HAVE ON
TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF ORGANIZATION BUT BELIEVED THEY
WOULD AGREE WITH OUR VIEWS.

3. ROBERTSON SAID CANADA WOULD SUPPORT U.S. EFFORT
TO REVERSE THE JUNE 22 VOTE EVEN IF SUCH AN EFFORT DID
NOT HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT.

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4. FROM AN ORGANIZATIONAL POINT OF VIEW, ROBERTSON
SUGGESTED IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE IN COUNCIL OR THE
ASSEMBLY TO REVERSE VOTE THEN IT MIGHT WELL BE BETTER
FROM LEGAL STANDPOINT TO WORK TO HAVE ASSEMBLY ADOPT
THE REVISED PROCEDURE SO THAT "ILLEGAL" STATUS OF
ACTION WOULD BE TERMINATED.

5. ROBERTSON SUGGESTED THAT U.S. REP ICAO COORDINATE
ACTIONS CLOSELY WITH CANADIAN REP (GRANT). ENDERS

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